



KolmoLD: Data Modelling for the Modern Internet*

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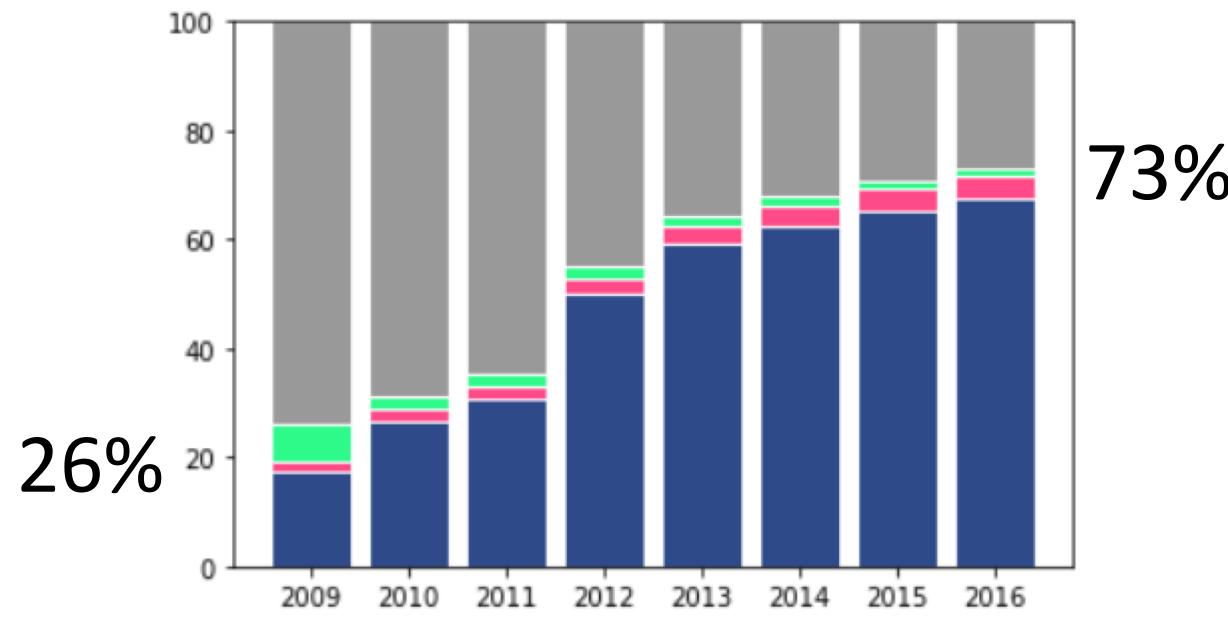
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Challenges: Peak Traffic Composition



Video is almost **58%** of the total downstream volume of traffic on the internet

NETFLIX is **15%** of the total downstream volume of traffic across the entire internet

More than **50%** of internet traffic is encrypted, and TLS 1.3 adoption is growing

 BITTORRENT is almost **22%** of total upstream volume of traffic, and over **31%** in EMEA alone

 **GAMING** is becoming a significant force in traffic volume as gaming downloads, Twitch streaming, and professional gaming go mainstream

Content: sizable, fanned-out, static

 Streaming Services
(Netflix, Hulu,
YouTube, Spotify)



Software distribution



File storage services



Everything else
(Instant Messaging,
VoIP, Social Media)

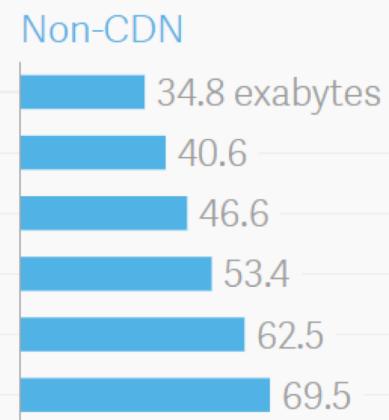
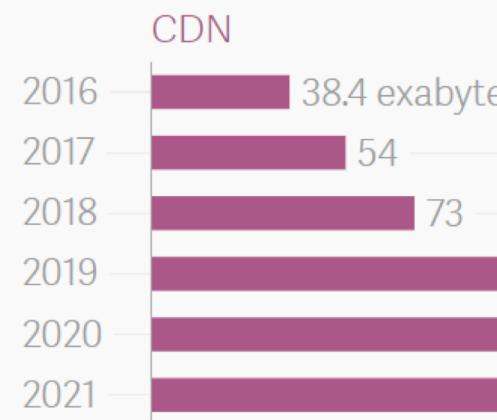
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Most internet traffic will flow over content delivery networks (CDNs)



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Technologies to define the revolution of the internet



Founded in 2014
Content-addressable
network protocol based
on cryptohash naming
scheme

Founding company is a
YCombinator graduate
with backing of
high profile SV investors



Dat Project

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Open source project
P2P project
YCombinator graduate

ChunkStream

Video codec
Based on a 2014 MIT
research paper

Based on the
cryptohash naming
scheme



Browser-targeted
Runtime

Implemented and
supported by all major
browsers, an IETF
standard

Our Proposal: A data model for interoperable protocols

Content addressing through hashes has become a widely-used means of connecting data in distributed systems, from the blockchains that run your favorite cryptocurrencies, to the commits that back your code, to the web's content at large.

Yet, whilst all of these tools rely on some common primitives, their **specific underlying data structures are not interoperable**.

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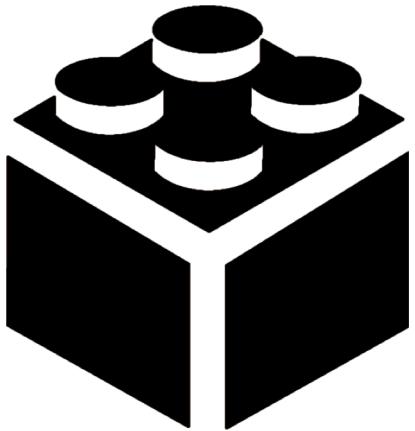
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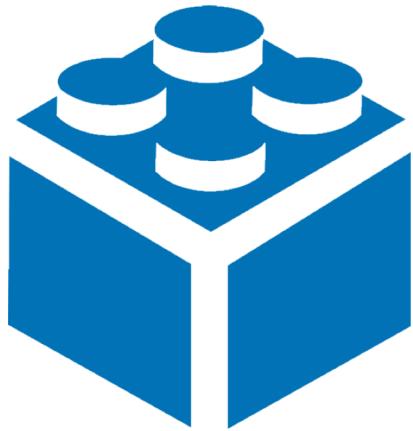
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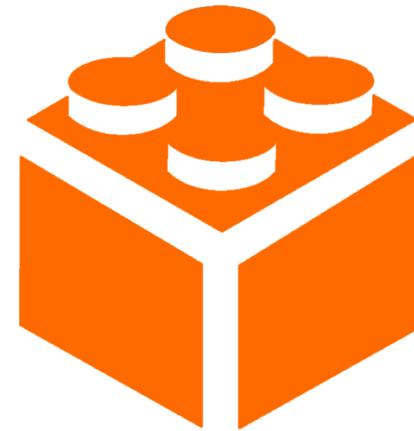
KolmoLD: Kolmogorov Linked Data



Kolmogorov Content-addressable
Users care about what they want, not who they get it from



Data composability
Send a way to reproduce data, not data itself



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Content-addressable revolution in the making



ChunkStream



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Content-addressable
cryptohash naming



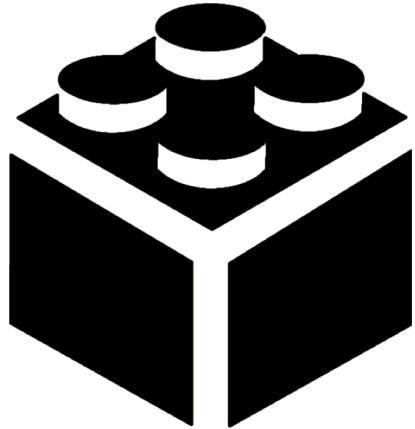
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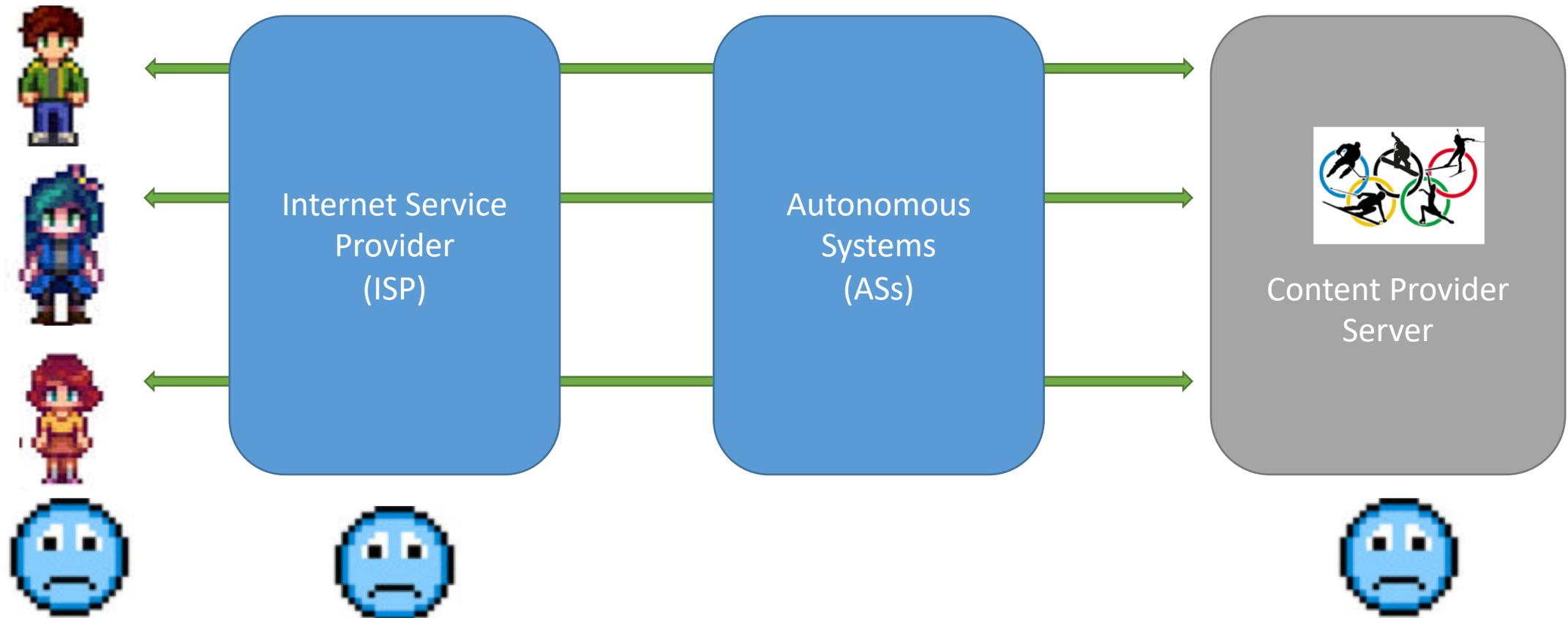
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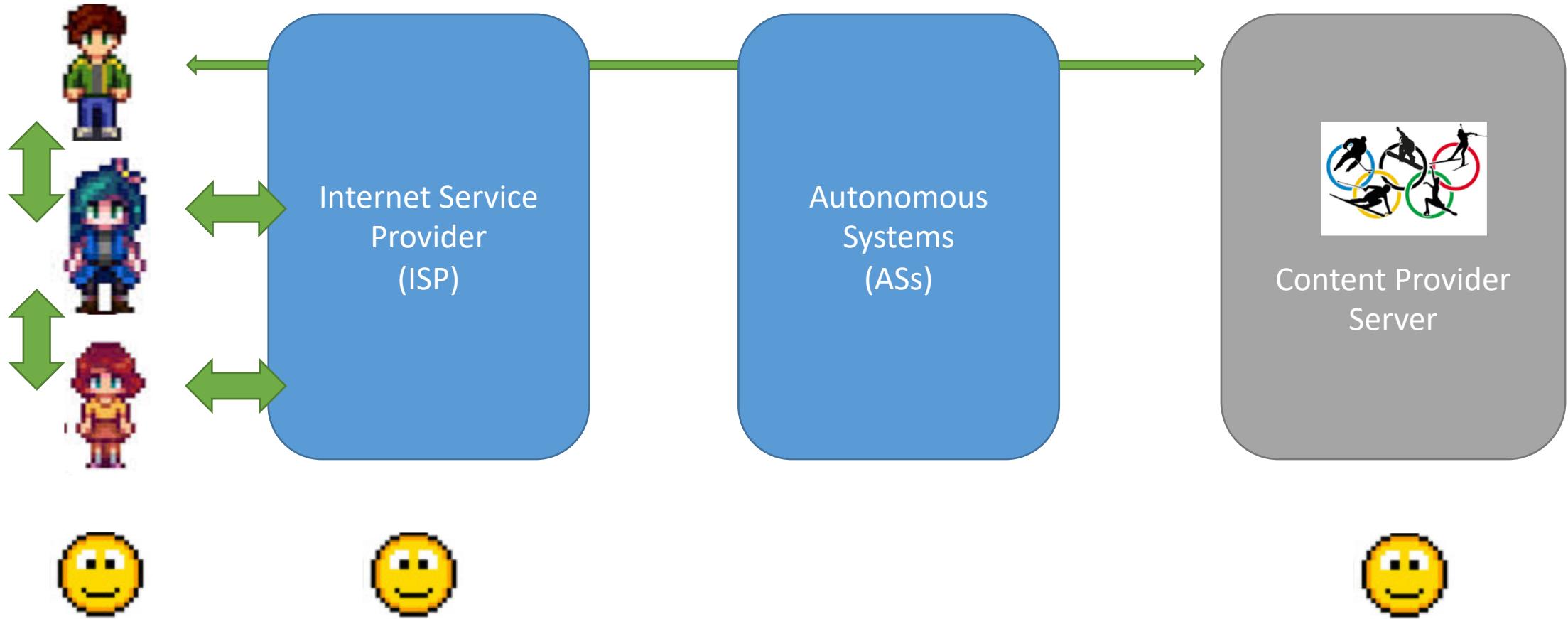


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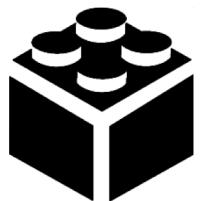
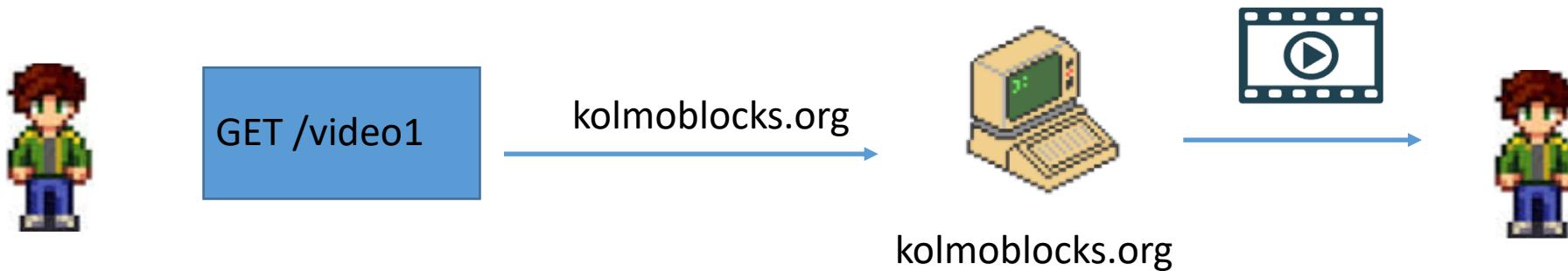




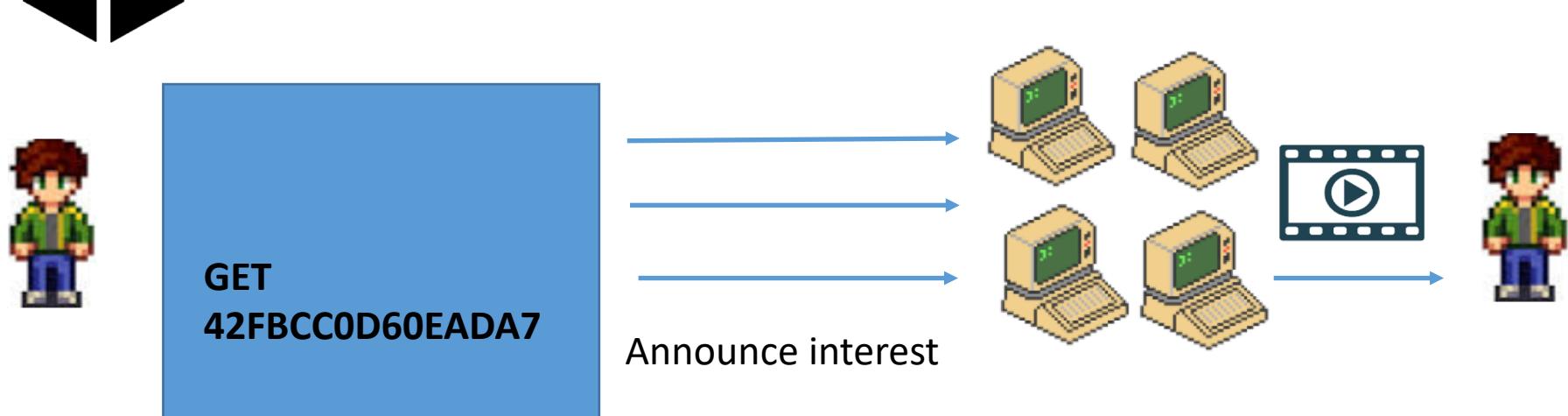
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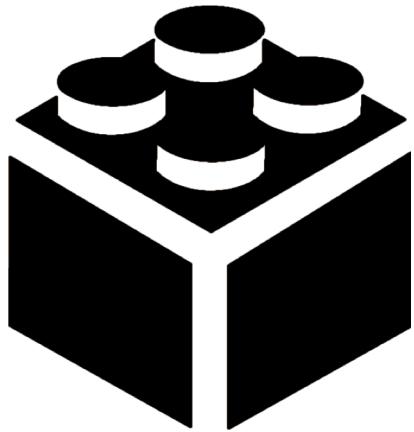
Host-addressable networks



Content-addressable networks



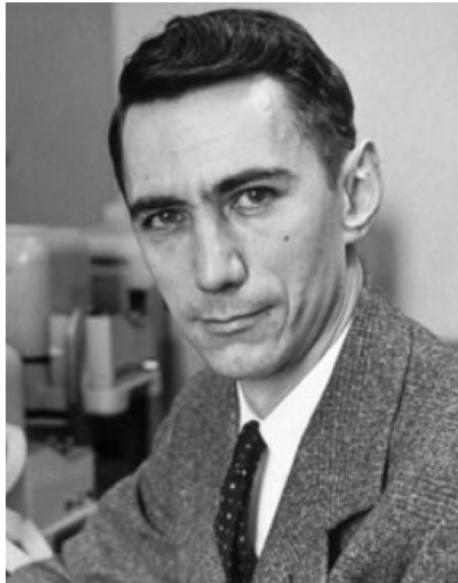
How to represent data content and DIKW in general?



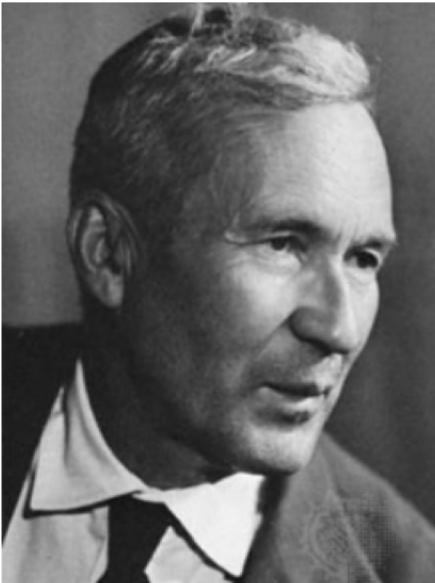
Content-addressable networking

- 1) Consumers specify what they want, not who they need it from
- 2) The solution for content distribution





Claude Shannon
(1916-2001)



Andrei Kolmogorov
(1903-1987)



Alan Turing
(1912-1954)

Kolmogorov complexity:

The shortest unambiguous algorithm, a computer program or code, that will output a given data string.
Shannon entropy = expected [Kolmogorov complexity]

Kolmogorov complexity metric of the given string of data is the size of the shortest algorithm that outputs that data



WHEN PEOPLE ASK FOR STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS, I WORRY THAT THERE WILL BE TOO MANY STEPS TO REMEMBER, SO I TRY TO PUT THEM IN MINIMAL FORM.

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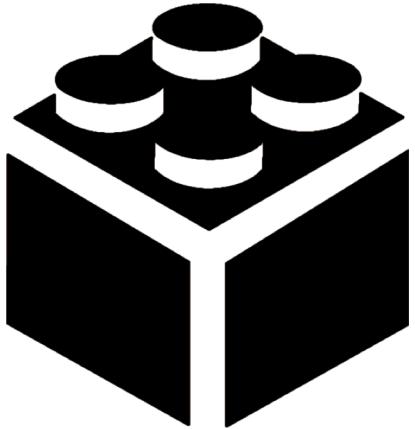
$$\sqrt{2}$$

As an algorithm

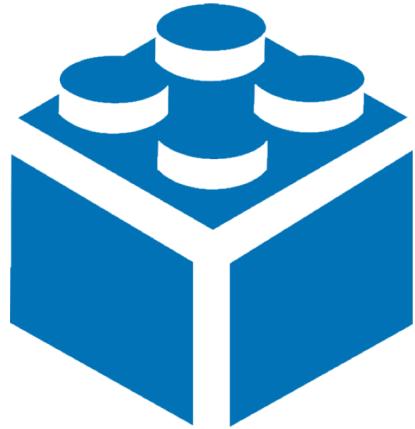
Calculate the first 100 60 terms of the series:

$$\sqrt{2} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^{k+1} \frac{(2k-3)!!}{(2k)!!} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6} - \frac{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5}{2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8} + \dots$$

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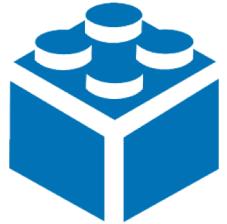
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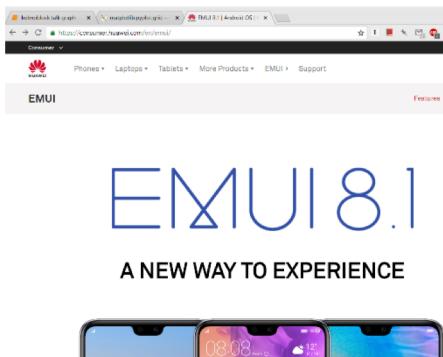
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Data composability 1: Going through the EMUI example



A new version of the OS is released



A 200Mb distro file is distributed across 20M devices across the world



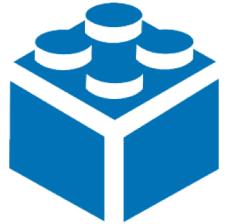
A security patch is issued that flips a single byte at 0xfa24d4588



A patched 200Mb distro file is treated as completely new by the network

Dear phones,
The new version of the distro can be composed out of the original one by flipping the bit at 0xfa24d4588.

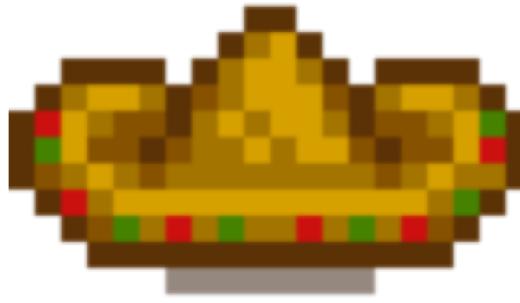
Love, the dev team



Data composability 2:
don't send data, send a way to reproduce data



FD62862



A1EF919



Algorithm
Concatenate images
A1EF919, FD62862



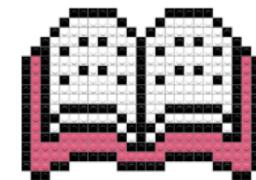
Data composability 3: Reusing the encoding table



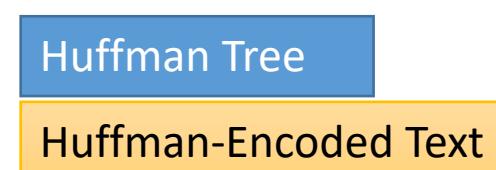
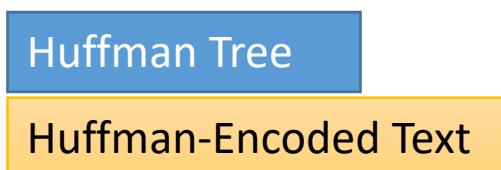
1Mb, book on potatoes



3Mb, book on cabbages



2Mb, book on tomatoes



$$S_{\text{H}}(N, M) = 27^N + M \cdot \sum_i p(x_i) \log_2 p^{-1}(x_i)$$

$$S = M \cdot \sum_i p'(x_i) \log_2 p^{-1}(x_i)$$



Data Composability 4: Quantifying the impact

Assumptions:

- Huffman encoding,
- Poisson distribution of the distinctly originating content blocks matching the statistical profile of the reported Internet traffic
- Entropy of the English language text

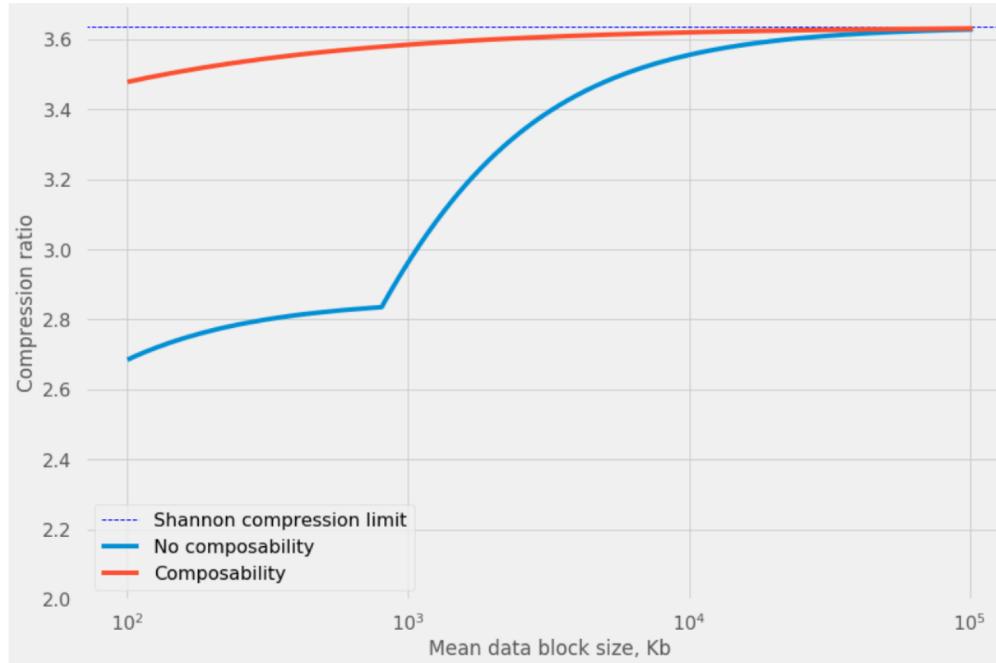
$$R_H = \frac{M \cdot 8}{27^N + M \cdot G(N)}$$

$$R_K(M) = \frac{M \cdot 8}{M \cdot H + \sqrt{M} \cdot \delta L}$$

$$\frac{1}{R_H} - \frac{1}{R_{KH}} = \frac{27^3}{M} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{M} \delta L}$$



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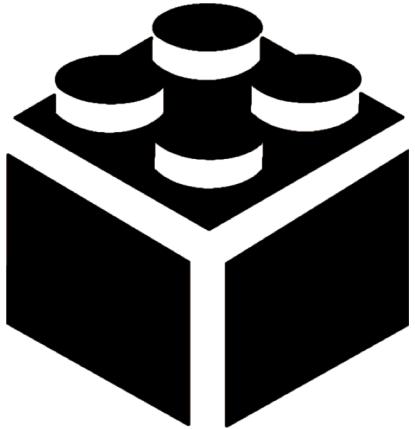


Data composability

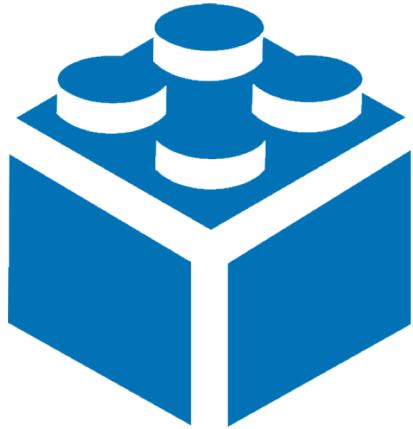
1. Data blocks are identified by cryptographic hash functions
2. Global address space of data
3. Compose data blocks out of other data blocks

You don't need to send it, just send a way to reproduce the data

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Turing-complete programmability 1

Encode data as programs that output given data

ABABABF



```
# SHA256: CC646
def render():
    return "ABABABF"
```



```
# SHA256: CC646
def render():
    return "AB"*3+"F"
```



Turing-complete programmability 2

Referencing other kolmoblocks

ABABABF-FBABABA



SHA256: CC646
ABABABF

```
# SHA256: F3025
def render():
    p = dep("CC646")
    return p+"-"+p[::-1]
```

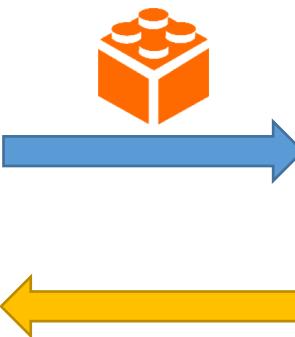


Turing-complete programmability 3

Reference other data chunks based on cryptohash naming

ABABABF-FBABABA

```
# lambdablock 77650
def f(huffman_tree, encoded_string):
    output = ""
    cur = 0
    while (cur < len(encoded_string)):
        node = huffman_tree
        while type(node) is list:
            bit = encoded_string[cur]
            cur += 1
            node = node[0] if bit else
node[1]
        output += node
    return output
```



```
# kolmoblock
# target block: F3025
# dependency blocks: 77650
def render():
    huffman_decode = eval(dep('77650'))
    huffman_tree = ['AB',
                    ['BA',
                     ['F', '-']
                    ]
                 ]
    encoded = 0b000110111110101010
    return
    huffman_decode(huffman_tree,
                  encoded)
```



Turing-complete programmability 4

Domain-specific video codecs

	Surveillance video	Self-driving car LIDAR footage	Academic videos (lecture videos, talks and tutorials)
Application-specific requirements	Some objects (people/ car plates) are higher priority	E.g. depth resolution	Text needs to be readable
Probabilistic profile	Static scenery, Traffic & weather	Surrounding traffic video	Emphasis on text, Illustrations, screencasting
Community / engineering resources to support it	Billion dollar industry	Self-driving car industry	Academic & Huawei community



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Timelines of adoption of new codecs is in decades

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Edge browser window with three tabs open: "Hello WebAssembly - Co", "3.5 Simple Random Samp", and "VP8 - Wikipedia". The "VP8 - Wikipedia" tab is active, displaying the Wikipedia article for VP8. The page title is "VP8" and it is described as "From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia". A sidebar on the left contains links to the main page, contents, featured content, current events, random article, donate, and a Wikipedia store. Another sidebar on the right provides a summary of VP8's specifications, including its development by Google, initial release in September 13, 2008, and its use as a compressed video format.

VP8

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

For other uses, see [VP8 \(disambiguation\)](#).

VP8 is an open and royalty free video compression format owned by Google and created by [On2 Technologies](#) as a successor to [VP7](#).

In May 2010, after the purchase of On2 Technologies, Google provided an irrevocable patent promise on its [patents](#) for implementing the VP8 format, and released a specification of the format under the [Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 license](#).^[1] That same year, Google also released [libvpx](#), the reference implementation of VP8, under the revised [BSD license](#).^[2]

Opera, Firefox, Chrome, and [Chromium](#) support playing VP8 video in [HTML5](#) video tag.^[3] Internet Explorer officially supports VP8 with a separate codec.^[4] According to Google VP8 is mainly used in connection with [WebRTC](#) and as a format for short looped animations, as a replacement for the [Graphics Interchange Format \(GIF\)](#).^[5]

VP8 can be multiplexed into the [Matroska](#)-based container format [WebM](#) along with [Vorbis](#) and [Opus](#) audio. The image format [WebP](#) is based on VP8's intra-frame coding. VP8's direct successor, [VP9](#), and the emerging royalty-free internet video format [AV1](#) from the [Alliance for Open Media \(AOMedia\)](#) are based on VP8.^[6]

VP8

Developed by	Google
Initial release	September 13, 2008
Type of format	Compressed video
Contained by	WebM, Matroska
Extended from	VP7
Extended to	VP9
Standard	RFC6386
Open format?	Yes (specification under CC-by) ^[1]

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Vendoring software



Dynamic libraries
.dll / .so

Go compiler binaries:
Everything is statically
included

Containerization:
Docker, Unikernels etc

SHA256: CC646:

```
# Fibonacci
def fibonacci(n):
    fib = [0] * (n + 1)
    fib[0] = 0  fib[1] = 1
    for i in range(2, n + 1):
        fib[i] = fib[i - 1] + fib[i - 2]
    return fib[n]
```

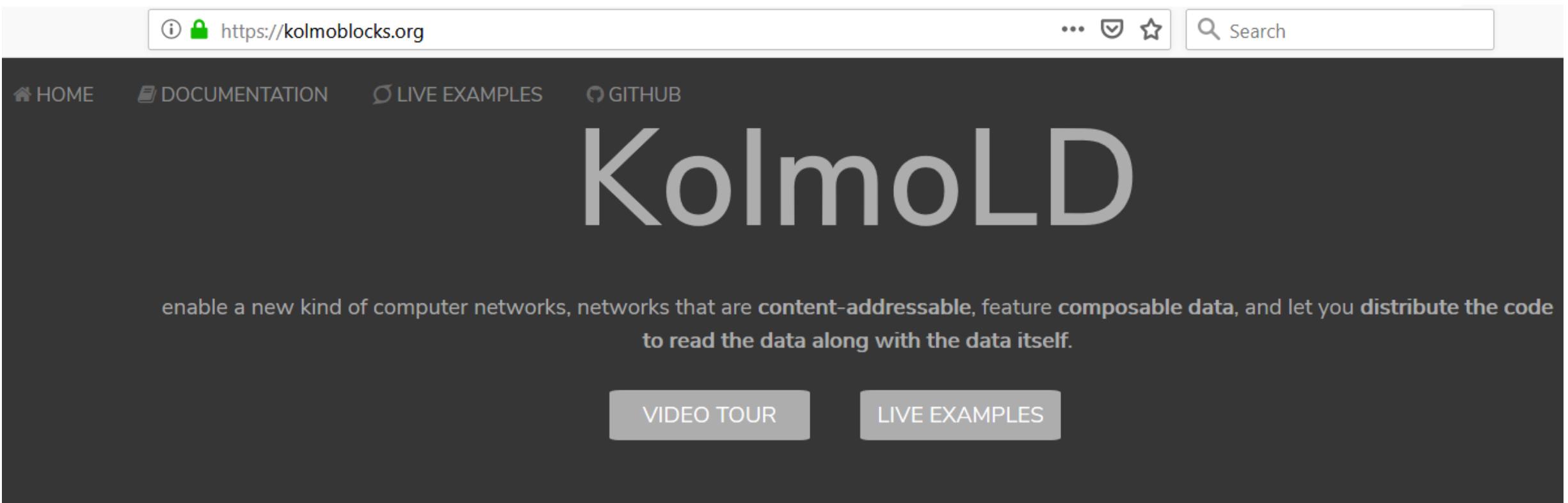


Turing-complete programmability

1. Send data as programs that output the given data
2. Implement a sandboxed runtime that is secure and deterministic
3. Distribute the code along with the data

Data as code: distribute the data and the code that reads it along the same channel

More details and live demos @ <https://kolmoblocks.org/>



The screenshot shows the KolmoLD website homepage. At the top, there is a header bar with a lock icon and the URL "https://kolmoblocks.org". To the right of the URL are three small icons: a three-dot menu, a mail icon, and a star icon. A search bar with the placeholder "Search" is also present. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with four items: "HOME", "DOCUMENTATION", "LIVE EXAMPLES", and "GITHUB". The main title "KolmoLD" is displayed in a large, bold, light gray font. Below the title, there is a descriptive text block: "enable a new kind of computer networks, networks that are **content-addressable**, feature **composable data**, and let you **distribute the code to read the data along with the data itself**". At the bottom of the main content area, there are two buttons: "VIDEO TOUR" and "LIVE EXAMPLES".

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Example:

datablock
type: text/plain

Hello world!

kolmoblock
type: application/wasm+kolmold

wasm: cat

Hello

datablock
type: text/plain

world!

datablock
type: text/plain



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Example:

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      type: "application/wasm+kolmold"
    ),
    (cid,
      type: "text/plain",
      data: "Hello ",
    )
    (cid,
      type: "text/plain",
      data: "world",
    ),
  )
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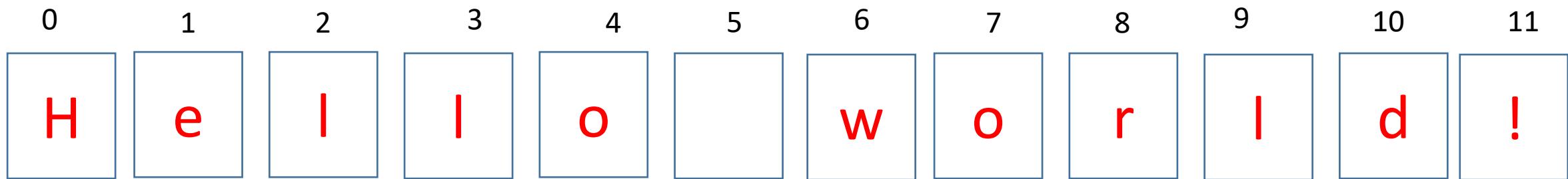
Kolmoblock, cid:"cat"
type: application/wasm+kolmold

```
def main():
    out.low = dep1.low
    out.high = dep2.high
```

Globals of wasm module's instance

dep1.low=0
dep1.high=6
dep2.low=6
dep2.high=12
out.low
out.high

Linear memory of the wasm module's instance



Hello

dep1, dependency datablock 1

world!

dep2, dependency datablock 2

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